



POS News

The Palomar Orchid Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the understanding and cultivation of both hybrid and species orchids. We welcome members of all levels to join us for orchid fun and learning! Our mission is to promote interest in the appreciation of orchids and to provide an opportunity for their display and the exchange and dissemination of information relating to their culture.

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Speaker's Info

Glen Decker on 'My Life with Slippers'



Our April 6th, 7:30 pm, Zoom General Meeting will feature Glen Decker who will speak on 'My Life with Slippers'. Slipper orchids, including Paphiopedilums and Phragmipediums, are orchids that many of us envy but sometimes can find challenging to maintain. Glen Decker will take us on a journey to see slipper orchids around the world, including Peru, Ecuador, and throughout Europe. He will share some of what he has learned about growing them. He will include

history, travel, culture, as well as stories about the people who share his obsession with slipper orchids.

Glen has been growing orchids for over 40 years and holds the degree of Associate in Applied Science in Ornamental Horticulture. He is very active in the orchid community and was the owner of Piping Rock Orchids in New York. He also has been a Director of the Orchid Digest Corporation, and Chair of the AOS Publications committee.

Glen has won numerous AOS quality and culture awards, including the Butterworth Prize for most outstanding culture of any orchid, the W. W. Wilson Award for most outstanding Cypripedium alliance plant, the Herbert Hager Award for most outstanding Phalaenopsis genus plant, the Carlyle A. Luer Award for most outstanding Pleurothallid alliance plant and the Nax Botanical Trophy for most

outstanding species orchid.

Glen has appeared in Martha Stewart's Better Living Magazine and on a PBS TV special "Orchid Delirium". He rewrote the Slipper section of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden's "The Best Orchids for Indoors", and he was technical editor for the "Orchids for Dummies" book. He also has written many articles on Paphiopedilums and Phragmipediums, which have been published worldwide.



Phrag. Alfredo Manrique 'Haley Suzanne' AM/AOS



Paph. Johanna Burkhardt 'Suzanne'
AM/AOS



Paph. sangii 'Haley Suzanne' AM/AOS

Culture Class Info

Zoom Culture Class, Wednesday, April 7 at 7:30 pm

Speaker: Paul Tuskes on 'Phalaenopsis Culture and How to Re-bloom Them'

Phals are the most popular blooming house plants in the world, and with good reason. They are elegant, colorful, long lasting, and inexpensive to buy. They are most people's first introduction to growing orchids. Learning to succeed with these charming plants is the key to further orchid success.

Paul Tuskes will be giving the April Zoom Culture Class, on the topic "Phalaenopsis Culture and How to Re-bloom Them". Paul and his wife Ann have grown Phals for about 35 years and have written articles for Orchid Digest and contributed illustrations to books on Phals. The first portions of the talk will address culture and diagnosis of plant health issues, and what to do. The second half will focus on successful culture and re-blooming your plants. Culture wise, Phals can be divided into three groups and Paul will review each with a focus on modern complex hybrids. Bring your questions.

Paul & Ann also are AOS judges have a wealth of knowledge about all kinds of orchids. Plan to tune in at 7:30 pm on Wednesday for what promises to be a very informative and interesting talk.

The email announcing the newsletter link will have the Zoom connection info for the General and Culture meetings at the end of the email document.

President's Message

Hello POS Members and Friends:

We hope that all of our members and friends are healthy and safe. Many of our members have taken the vaccine, either one or both doses. We hope those of you still in the waiting tier are close to getting vaccinated soon.

There is a major sense of relief for those who have been vaccinated. Even though we still wear face masks and social distance, the chances of contracting COVID and becoming very ill are significantly reduced. As we write this newsletter museums, restaurants, fitness centers and even Disneyland are preparing to open, albeit on a limited basis. It's a complicated process and rules are changing weekly.

Last month, David Haelterman of Columbia, gave an in-depth talk on the Maxillarias from Columbia. David is an expert on these orchids and provided an informative and interesting presentation. This was the second international speaker we have had in our Zoom series with SDCOS.

The Culture Class was given by Debby Halliday of SDCOS. Debby talked about the upcoming orchid show at the San Diego County Botanic Garden from April 3 through May 2. Members who wish to participate in the show can contact Alex Nadzan for details.

Member plants will be on display in the new Orchid Conservatory. Debbie, an expert on orchid growing and winning ribbons, gave tips for growing and preparing plants for shows.

The April Speaker will be Glen Decker who will speak on 'My Life with Slippers'. Members who like and grow Paphs and Phrags will gain valuable information on growing these interesting orchids from a seasoned expert.

For the Wednesday Culture Class, Paul Tuskes will be sharing his extensive knowledge on 'Phalaenopsis Culture and How to Re-bloom Them'. The April Zoom General meeting will be held on April 6th and the Culture Class on Wednesday April 7th, both at 7:30 pm.

There really isn't much new to report on in the orchid community. There doesn't seem to be much happening, but like the other businesses that are beginning to open, we think the orchid growers and orchid shows will begin to plan events and sales. There is a lot of planning and lead time necessary for large events, so this may not happen anytime soon.

We know a lot of our members miss the onsite POS meetings and orchid events. Hopefully, in the next few months we may have the opportunity to resume our onsite meetings. Assuming we are given the green light to

open, we need to plan ahead and set up our speakers, arrange for plant tables, and communicate with our members. Maryanne Kind, our liaison with Lake San Marcos, is contacting them to see what guidance they have been given by local officials. Let's keep our fingers crossed!!!

As mentioned in the previous Newsletters, we encourage our member to send in your annual membership renewal via mail or online using the [POS website](#). Many of you have yet to renew, so please make the effort to support POS. If we are able to have onsite meetings later this year, we will need funds to cover the rental and speaker fees and other associated meeting expenses. Mail your renewals to POS, P.O. Box 130774, Carlsbad CA 92013 or [renew online](#).

As always, we hope our members and friends remain healthy, upbeat and optimistic about the future. As always, Bill and Alex are available to listen to your suggestions, questions and concerns. Please call Bill at 760-931-0502 or Alex at 760-529-5814 or e-mail them at billtcwong@att.net

or anadzan@mac.com.

World of Orchids



San Diego BOTANIC GARDEN

APRIL 3 - MAY 2, 2021

The Palomar Orchid Society and the San Diego County Orchid Society are participating in a month's long 'World of Orchids Show' running from Saturday, April 3 through Sunday, May 2 at The San Diego Botanic Garden in Encinitas in their new [Conservatory](#). The Conservatory is a beautiful, state-of-the-art greenhouse, with a cement floor, humidity control, shading, ventilation and security. The exhibition is being designed and installed by the SD Botanic Garden staff with several of our society's members providing blooming orchids for the display as well as select plants from commercial nurseries. Society member plants will be exchanged out as needed on Tuesdays during the show.

In addition to the outstanding specimens, visitors will enjoy high-style artistic floral design ideas created with cut orchids and other unique flower arranging materials designed by Creative Director, Rene van Rems, AIFD. The display will change and evolve throughout the month, so plan to visit frequently!

On weekends, visitors can shop for unusual and unique orchids at the grower direct orchid market. At present, SDCOS members will be selling orchids the weekends of April 3-4 and 9-11. The Orchid Conservation Alliance will sell on April 9-11 and Lico Orchids will sell the weekends of April 3-4, 9-11 and April 30 thru May 2. Additionally, Everything Orchids and Bird Rock Tropicals will sell during the event. There will be vendors from 10-5 every Sat. and Sun. and a few on select Fridays.

Admission to World of Orchids is included with the Garden entrance fee or Garden membership. All attendees must make a [reservation online](#) to obtain tickets for entry. Entrance is free for AOS members but you still need to register for tickets (under reciprocal) and show your ticket and AOS membership card upon entry. Make your reservation today for this exciting, month's long show.

TIME TO RENEW MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2021

We are asking all of our members to renew their membership for 2021 at this time, since this is our only source of income during the pandemic. We need these resources to continue to pay for our Zoom speakers, newsletter mailings and storage fees in order to remain a viable organization. Please mail your renewal membership (\$25 individual, \$30 household) to the POS mailing address (Palomar Orchid Society, P.O. Box 130774, Carlsbad CA 92013) or contact our membership chairperson, Trudy Ibbetson at (trudygro@aol.com). You also may renew and pay directly online on our [website](#), which also has membership forms for new members.

2021 POS Officers

Co-President: Alex Nadzan & Bill Wong

Co-1st Vice President/Programs: Tom Wisniewski & Alex Nadzan

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April 'To Do' List

General

- Review and continue to follow recommendations for March since continued cool temperatures through out March, particularly on the coast, has delayed Spring flowering and onset of growth for some species and hybrids.
- Fine tune the shading of orchids as heat and light continue to increase.
- Remove with sterile utensils any dead flowers or leaves that were damaged by bacterial rot or fungal rot, being careful not to contaminate clean plants.
- If not done yet, spray benches and growing areas with Physan to decrease the possibility of bacterial and fungal diseases.
- April brings on new growth for many orchids and the opportunity to repot and divide those orchids that initiate new root growth at this time. Try to repot when roots are small and just beginning to emerge in order to minimize damage to soft tissues and avoid transplant shock, giving plants a head start for the upcoming growing season.
- Repot when orchids have begun to out grow their pots and/or when media has started to break down. Also consider repotting plants that have been in pots for 2 or more years and are existing, but not thriving. Repotting can revitalize and provide new vigor to such plants.
- It is helpful to thoroughly rinse and soak all media prior to potting. Dry media tends to wick moisture away from plants. Then keep plants relatively dry to encourage root growth. If you prefer to repot using dry bark mixes, water newly potted plants thoroughly (2-3x), then keep on dry side to stimulate root growth.
- To divide orchids, allow for 3-5 bulbs per division.
- Check plants for algae, as a crust of algae acts as a barrier to both water and fertilizer, thus preventing roots from breathing properly.
- Cautiously use any pesticide, fungicide or chemical keeping in mind that most manufacturers typically do not specify the use of their products on orchids. Always use the lowest prescribed dose and avoid spraying flowers and buds. Recommended dosing for orchids can sometimes be found on the manufacturer's website or on the [St. Augustine Orchid Society website](#).
- Orchids that are in bloom require less water, which allows the flowers to last longer.
- More details on specific genera can be found on the [AOS website](#).

Indoors and Greenhouse

- Monitor for pests and diseases as temperatures begin to rise. Make sure fans and coolers are in good working order.
- Provide good air circulation for indoor plants to discourage diseases and pests such as mealy bugs. Treat early to avoid spreading to other plants.
- April is a good time to repot Paphiopedilums, which tend to benefit from a yearly repotting. Most do well in small bark and perlite containing a little charcoal. It is a good time to check the roots.

Outdoors

- Continue to monitor and control snails and slugs as weather warms. They can do considerable damage to new growths, buds and flowers in short order.
- Cattleyas, Oncidiums, Cymbidiums, and Aussie Dendrobiums should begin initiating new root and bulb growth. Increase watering frequency and fertilizer as new growth is observed and repot as needed.
- Australian Dendrobiums are in full bloom now. Dividing and repotting can be done after flowering is complete and new roots begin to form. Dendrobiums like to be root bound so only repot when plants outgrow their pots or are not doing well. Leave room for 2 or 3 years growth.
- In addition to Cymbidiums, Zygopetalums should be flowering and be ready to divide and/or repot once flowers wilt. Treat Zygos in the same manner as Cymbidiums and repot accordingly: repotting instructions at [Casa de las Orquideas](#) and under [Speaker Handouts](#) on our website.

Jerry Spencer's Photos



Angcm. Crestwood



Blc. Young-Min Orange 'Golden Satisfaction'



Blc. Temple Bells X Blc. Calm Seas



Cym. Black Silk 'Early Evening'



Den. Gillieston Jazz X Den. speciosum



Cym. Ruby Eyes 'Red Baron'



Cym. Death by Chocolate



Cym. Bulbarrow 'Waikanie'



Den. Jackaroo



Den. King Zip 'Red Splash'



Just a 'few' of Jerry and Anita's wonderful Den. speciosums

Steve Redmond's Photos



Blc. Laughing Boy



**C. Mami Akatsuka "Volcano Queen"
X Rlc. Noriko Kawamura "Yellow"**



**Carolina Orange D'or "Lennette
#2" AM/AOS X Lc. Tropical Sunset
"Oceans Heaven"**



**Lc. Gold Digger "Orchid Jungle"
HCC/AOS**



Ctt. Varut Startrack "CS"



**Pot. Georgia Peach "Excellent" X
Pot. Fire House "Love It"**



**Pot. Memoria Myriam Pereira
"SVO"**



**Pot. Tropical Sunset "Oceans Heaven"
x Lc. Tokyo Magic "6-1" AM/AOS**



Rlc. Gold n pink

(C. Mami Akatsuka 'VQ' x Rlc. Noriko Kawamura 'Yellow')



Rth. Big Kiss "15"

Bill Wong's Photos



Den. Australian Artist (SVO)



**Cattleya intermedia
var. alba 'Plema x Hoyts'**



**Lc. Angel Heart 'Hihimanu' AM/AOS
x Pot. Martha Clarke 'Amazing'**



Cym Mighty Remus 'Cabernet'

Carl Wood's Photos



Pleione Hekla x yunnanense



Coel. cristata 'Suwada'



**Angcm. Veitchii
(sesquipedale x eburnum)**



Sanderara (Brsdm.) Black Star



Coel. cristata 'The Queen' AM/AOS

Alex Nadzan's Photos



Blc. Mem. Victoria Kam 'Fascination' HCC/AOS with close up



Cym. Persian Bronze 'Barbara' with close up



Cym. Speckles 'Bold Vision' JC/AOS with close up



Lc. Recondita Armonia 'C'



**AMN-061: Blc. Fuchs Orange
Nugget 'Lea' x B. glauca**



Paph. vejvarutianum



Laelia halbingeriana



Lc. Koolau Treat



SVO5300: Den. Regal Vista